



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2003-03**

**WHEREAS**, damage from severe summer storms and high winds caused numerous electric transmission lines, power poles, towers, and transformers to fail in Barnes and Cass Counties on June 24-25, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, the costs for the repair of these lines, poles, towers, and transformers are much above the normal operating budget of affected electrical cooperatives; and

**WHEREAS**, I, John Hoeven, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of North Dakota, have declared an emergency within the State of North Dakota.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I order the utilization of the North Dakota Emergency Operations Plan, its procedures, attachments, and appendices toward recovery efforts, alleviation of hardship, and implementation of mitigation measures to facilitate restoration and recovery of vital public infrastructure and to help meet essential needs of business, industry and individuals.

This order is issued upon the following bases and for the following reasons:

1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution; and
2. The Governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders, minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code; and
3. A coordinated and effective effort of appropriate government departments is required to minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters in this state.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 23rd day of July, 2003.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

ATTEST:  
/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State

By: /s/  
Cory Fong, Deputy